I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all previous listing of claims.

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1. (presently amended) In combination a container and a closure for enhancing accessibility to contents of the container when the container is opened and for minimizing exposure of the container contents to ambient air when the container is closed, the container is having two opposite walls connected to each other and a mouth for providing an access to the container contents, each of said two opposite walls is having an inner surface and an outer surface, the closure comprising:

two separate elongated male units, each having a longitudinal axis, the two male units being disposed a gap apart completely separated from each other by said gap on the outer surface of one of said two opposite walls adjacent to the mouth, such that the longitudinal axes of said two male members coincide with each other;

two separate corresponding elongated female units, each having a longitudinal axis, the two female units being disposed a gap apart completely separated from each other by said gap on the outer surface of the second wall opposite the two male units such that the longitudinal axes of said two female members coincide with each other, wherein the male and female units are configured to snap fit into each other so as to form two separate male-female pairs; and

at least one pulling tongue member connected to at least one of the male units or to at least one of the female units for facilitating opening the closure.

2. (previously amended) The container of claim 1 wherein the container is a flexible package fabricated from a single layer or a multiple layer sheet material.

3. (previously amended) The container of claim 1 wherein the container is a non-gusseted package and wherein said two walls are directly connected to each other.